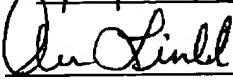


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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of October 7, 2002, please amend this application as follows:

In the Specification:

Please replace the Abstract on page 14 with:

A layout system includes a place and route tool and a datapath layout generator. The datapath layout generator provides a mechanism for the designer to place datapath cells in a structured arrangement. The datapath layout generator sends a language configuration file to the place and route tool to install the datapath structure. The datapath structure is assigned "fixed" status, which prevents the place and route tool

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